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Eunice Gorder
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Dear Ms. Gorder:

I am in receipt of the letter you sent to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding the proposed NorthWestern rate increase.

We appreciate your concerns regarding NorthWestern's utility rates. As you know, the corporation filed an application on June 1 for authority to increase its natural gas rates in South Dakota. PUC staff members are currently working on the analysis of this docket, NG07-013. We encourage you to follow the progress of this docket. You can check our web site for documents as they are filed by going to puc.sd.gov, clicking "Commission Actions," then "Commission Dockets," then "2007 Natural Gas Dockets" and "NG07-013."

We will file your comments in this docket along with others we receive from NorthWestern customers. I am sure the Commissioners will be interested in your comments, as well as those from others concerned about the outcome of this docket. The commissioners greatly appreciate having consumers such as you taking the time to offer input when they must deal with decisions regarding utility rate cases.

Sincerely,

Jason Schuchard
Consumer Affairs Representative